Inverness County Statistical Profile

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Inverness County extends the length of Cape Breton Island, from the Strait of Canso to Cape St. Lawrence, a distance of some 160 kilometers. Half of the county area consists of elevated upland regions whose flanks rise abruptly from bordering lowlands or from the Gulf of St. Lawrence. A large portion of the northern part of the county is included within the boundaries of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, a major tourist attraction.

The early settlers of the county included the French at Cheticamp and Margaree and the Highland Scots in other areas. A large maritime fishing fleet operated out of Port Hood and Port Hawkesbury in the mid-nineteenth century. In 1865, coal mining began at Inverness, and mines remained active until the early 1970's. Gypsum is abundant in several areas with a large export operation centered in River Denys. The forest resource of the highland areas provides much of the resource used in the large pulp and paper plant at Point Tupper.

The completion of the Canso Causeway and the development of industry at the Strait of Canso has brought significant residential and commercial development to Port Hawkesbury and the surrounding area over the past fifteen years.

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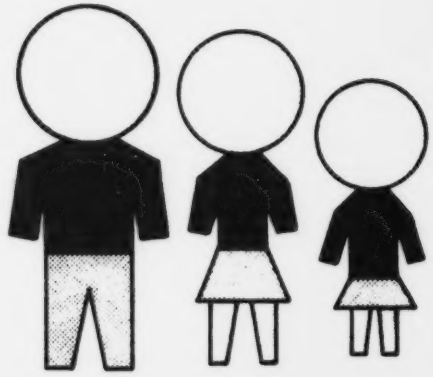
Statistical Summary

	YEAR	INVERNESS COUNTY	% OF NOVA SCOTIA
Land area (sq. kilometers)	-	3,697	7.0
Population	1981	22,337	2.6
Population density (per sq. kilometer)	1981	6.0	37.5
Labour Force	1976	7,630	2.3
Employed	1976	6,710	2.3
Average income per tax filer ($)	1982	12,288	88.4
Total retail sales ($'000)	1983	88,000	2.6
Retail sales per capita ($)	1983	3,892	97.4
Number of farms	1981	155	3.1
Lumber production (M. fbm.)	1984	1,343	0.7
Pulpwood production (m^3 solid wood)	1984	244,300	10.8
Sea fish landings (metric tons)	1984	16,374	4.1
Sea fish landings ($'000)	1984	10,900	4.1
Number of manufacturing establishments[1]	1982	28	3.6
Value of manufacturing shipments ($'000)[1]	1982	174,232	4.8
Number of permits for residential units	1984	86	1.4
Value of total building permits ($'000)	1984	5,517	1.0

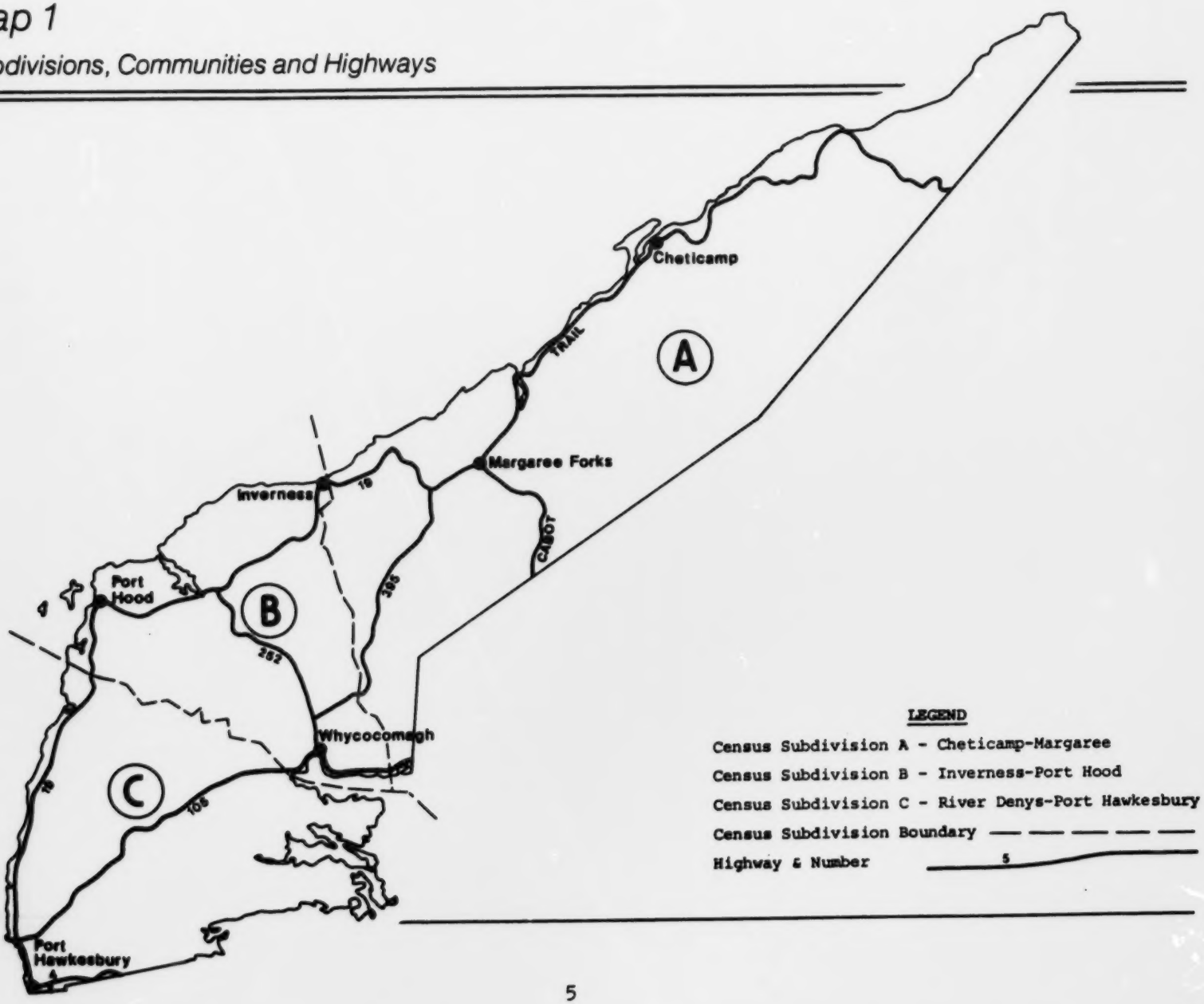
[1] Includes Inverness, Richmond and Victoria Counties.

SOURCES: Statistics Canada, Canadian Markets, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Revenue Canada



Map 1

Subdivisions, Communities and Highways



Graph 1

Index of Population Growth
Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

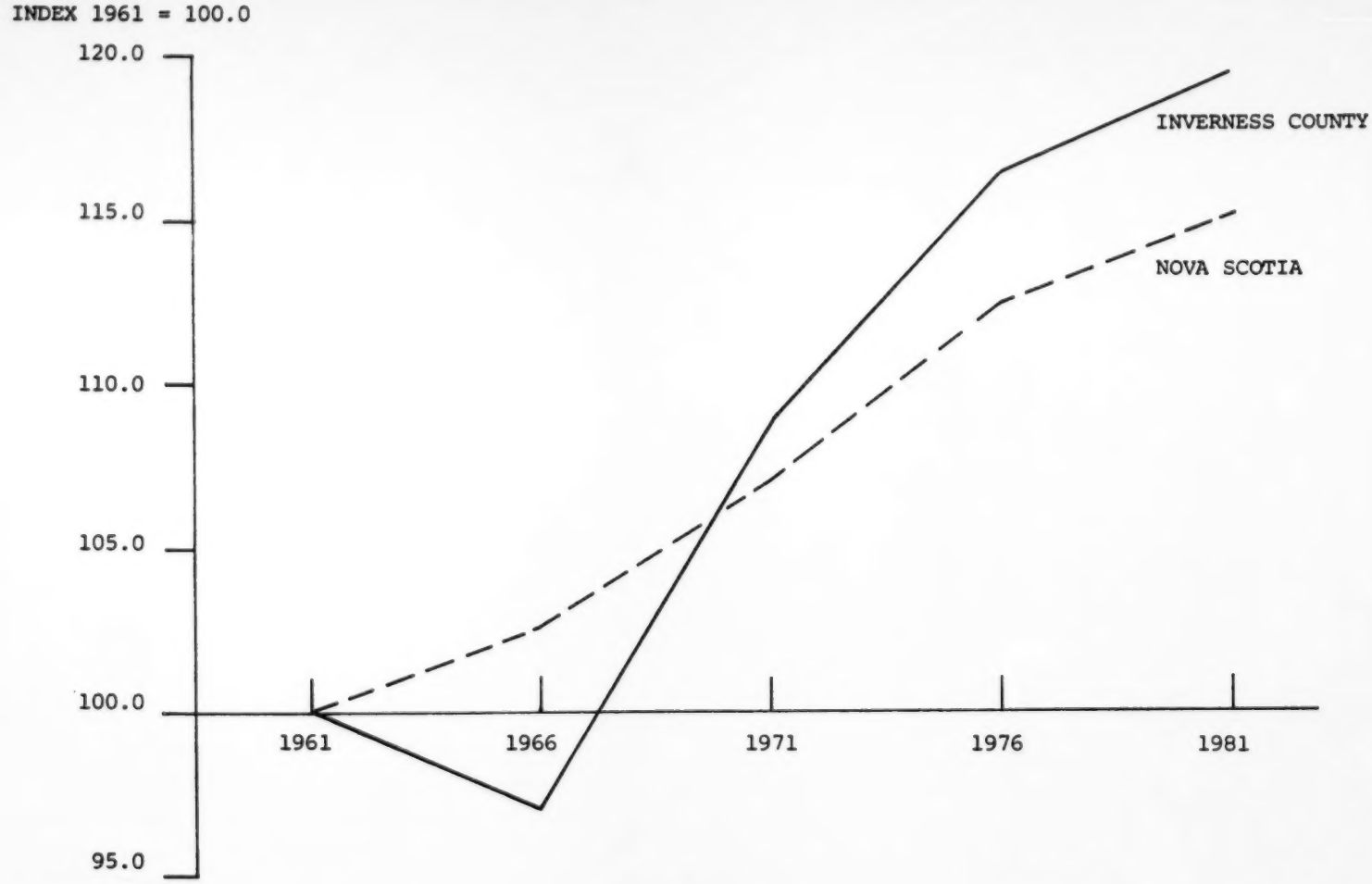


Table 1

Population Growth
Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

	1961	1966	1971	1976	1981
NOVA SCOTIA	737,007	756,039	788,960	828,571	847,442
Inverness County	18,718	18,152	20,375	21,773	22,337
Port Hawkesbury	1,346	1,866	3,372	4,008	3,850
Sub. A-Cheticamp-Margaree	7,526	6,815	6,630	6,836	7,170
Sub. B-Inverness-Port Hood	6,280	5,820	5,895	6,380	6,509
Sub. C-River Denys-Port Hawkesbury	3,375	3,396	4,158	4,151	4,353
Inverness, Indian Reserves	191	255	320	398	455

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Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

NOVA SCOTIA	100.0	102.6	107.0	112.4	115.0
Inverness County	100.0	97.0	108.9	116.3	119.3
Port Hawkesbury	100.0	138.6	250.5	297.8	286.0
Sub. A-Cheticamp-Margaree	100.0	90.6	88.1	90.8	95.3
Sub. B-Inverness-Port Hood	100.0	92.7	93.9	101.6	103.6
Sub. C-River Denys-Port Hawkesbury	100.0	100.6	123.2	123.0	129.0
Inverness, Indian Reserves	100.0	133.5	167.5	208.4	238.2

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 2

Population of Unincorporated Centres of 100+

Inverness County, 1976 and 1981

	1976	1981		1976	1981
Belle Cote	223	228	North East Margaree	347	325
Belle-Marche	240	359	Petit-Etang	294	345
Cheticamp	1,027	1,011	Plateau	382	401
Creignish	170	226	Pleasant Bay	248	293
Grand Etang	364	359	Point Cross	255	269
Inverness	1,980	2,000	Port Hastings	719	312
Judique	770	918	Port Hood	769	701
Mabou	377	366	St. Joseph de Moine	254	280
Margaree	233	282	Whycocomagh	437	411
Margaree Centre	276	282			
Margaree Forks	263	312			
Margaree Valley	309	334			

Due to the lack of legal or official boundaries, it is not always possible to distinguish the population of these unincorporated places from that of the surrounding area. Census enumerators were instructed to indicate distinctly on their records all households living in dwellings grouped fairly closely together within an area locally known by a specific name. The degree of success achieved in this procedure has varied from area to area. For example, the post-office address has sometimes been confused with the actual location of the dwellings, making it difficult to determine the exact number of persons living in the locality proper.

For such reasons as mentioned above, the population totals shown in this report for 1976 and 1981 should be considered as approximations.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 3

Rural and Urban Population Distribution
Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	INVERNESS COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	Number		%		Number		%	
	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981
Rural	15,902	16,649	73.0	74.5	360,416	380,600	43.5	44.9
Non-Farm	14,765	15,994	67.8	71.6	338,970	362,484	40.9	42.8
Farm	1,137	655	5.2	2.9	21,446	18,116	2.6	2.1
Urban	5,871	5,688	27.0	25.5	468,155	466,842	56.5	55.1
Total	21,773	22,337	100.00	100.0	828,571	847,442	100.0	100.0

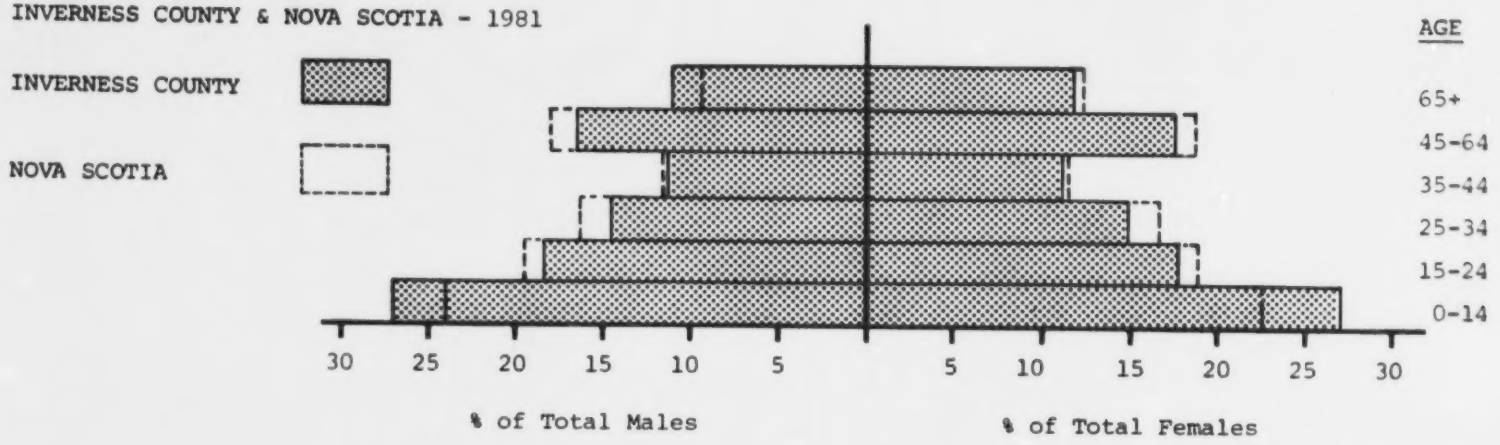
1. Based on 1981 definition of farm population.

2. Farm population in 1981 refers to all persons living in a farm operator household on a farm situated in either a rural or urban area. Only farms with sales of $250 or more are included.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Graph 2

Age-Sex Pyramids
Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981



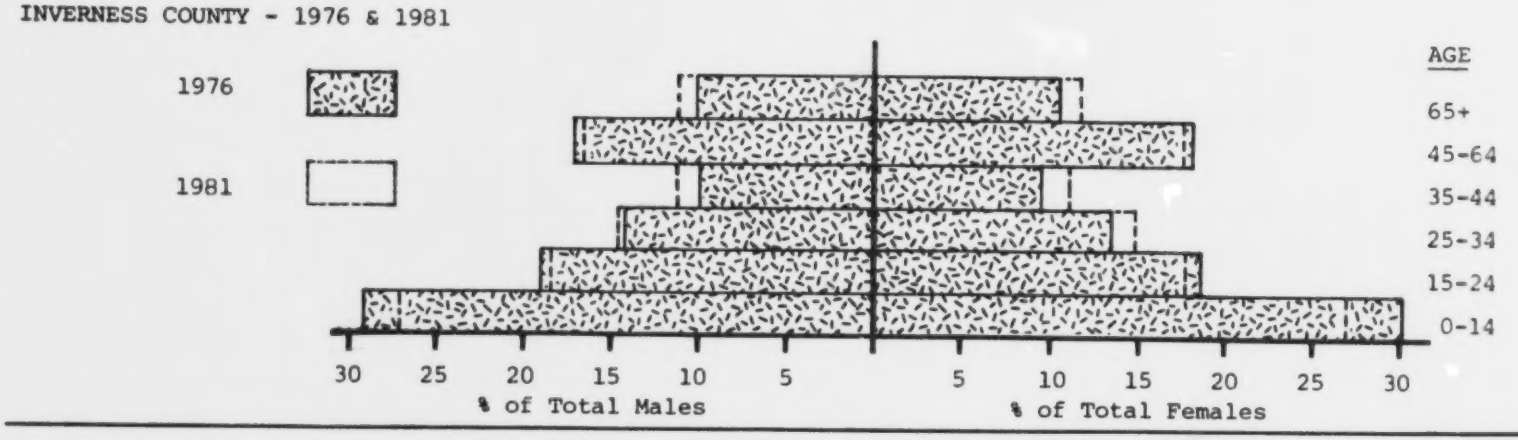


Table 4

Age-Sex % Distribution of the Population
Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

Age	INVERNESS COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	1976		1981		1976		1981	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-14	29.4	30.1	27.1	27.0	27.7	26.3	24.2	22.6
15-24	19.1	18.6	18.6	17.9	20.0	19.1	19.8	18.9
25-34	14.4	13.5	14.9	14.8	15.0	14.6	16.5	16.4
35-44	10.0	9.4	11.5	11.0	10.4	10.1	11.6	11.2
45-64	17.1	18.0	16.8	17.5	18.2	19.1	18.1	18.7
65+	10.1	10.3	11.1	11.9	8.6	10.8	9.7	12.2
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TOTAL NUMBER	11,150	10,625	11,325	11,010	414,155	414,420	419,575	427,865

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 5

Population by Marital Status and Sex
Inverness County, 1981

		Total Population	SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED)			MARRIED			WIDOWED	DIVORCED
			Total	Under 15 yrs.	15 yrs. & Over	Total	Married	Separated		
Nova Scotia	- T	847,440	383,005	198,490	184,515	402,505	388,885	13,625	45,480	16,450
	- M	419,575	203,730	101,740	101,990	200,780	194,800	5,975	8,040	7,025
	- F	427,865	179,275	96,750	82,525	201,725	194,085	7,640	37,440	9,420
Inverness Co.	- T	22,335	11,395	6,035	5,360	9,590	9,325	270	1,190	160
	- M	11,325	6,250	3,065	3,185	4,780	4,665	120	210	85
	- F	11,010	5,150	2,965	2,185	4,810	4,660	150	980	75
Port Hawkesbury	- T	3,850	1,990	1,115	875	1,680	1,625	55	135	50
	- M	1,925	1,055	555	500	830	815	20	20	20
	- F	1,925	935	560	375	850	810	35	115	30

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

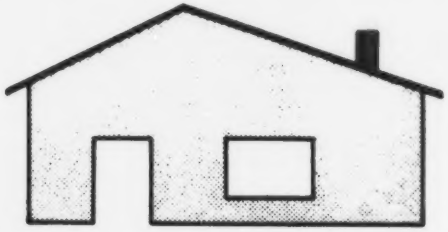
Table 6

Vital Statistics

Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1979-1983

	LIVE BIRTHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE					DEATHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Inverness County	390	345	321	331	337	186	208	193	182	201
Port Hawkesbury	69	64	55	57	77	15	18	14	23	21
Nova Scotia	12,406	12,369	12,079	12,325	12,401	6,843	7,004	6,958	6,941	7,047

SOURCE: Department of Health, Vital Statistics



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Family Characteristics
Inverness County, 1981

	TOTAL FAMILIES	FAMILIES BY NUMBER OF PERSONS							TOTAL PERSONS IN FAMILIES	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER FAMILY	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8+		1981	1976
Nova Scotia											
Number	216,200	78,495	48,280	50,540	24,520	9,315	3,125	1,920	721,035	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	36.3	22.3	23.4	11.3	4.3	1.4	0.9			
Inverness County											
Number	5,235	1,560	1,070	1,175	715	400	180	145	19,500	3.7	3.9
% of Total	100.0	29.8	20.4	22.4	13.7	7.6	3.4	2.8			
Port Hawkesbury	925	235	175	265	140	65	15	20	3,465	3.8	3.9
Wycocomagh	80	15	15	15	15	10	10	10	385	4.8	4.9
Inverness Munic.	4,235	1,310	870	900	560	325	150	115	3,825	3.7	3.9

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 8

Family Incomes

Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1980

	1980		
	Average Family Income	% of Nova Scotia Average	% Low Income Families of Total Families[1]
	$	%	%
Nova Scotia	21,872	100.0	14.2
Inverness County	20,539	93.9	17.4
Port Hawkesbury	25,921	118.5	21.2
Sub. A - Cheticamp - Margaree	18,172	83.1	14.7
Sub. B - Inverness Port Hood	19,330	88.4	23.6
Sub. C - River Denys - Port Hawkesbury	22,359	102.2	10.1
Whycocomagh	11,124	50.9	---

[1]Low income statistics are based on the revised (1978) cut-offs which were initially estimated from the 1978 National Family Expenditure Survey and then updated to 1980 by the changes in the Consumer Price Index since 1978. The cut-offs are based on size of family unit and population size of area of residence.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 9

Average Income per Income Tax Filer
Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1977-1982

	ALL RETURNS FILED			
	Number	Total Income	Average Income	% Average Income of Nova Scotia Average
		$'000	$	%
Inverness County				
- 1977	9,711	97,477	10,038	101.9
- 1978[1]	11,404	96,698	8,479	91.4
- 1979	11,576	106,990	9,242	91.4
- 1980	11,588	114,755	9,903	89.5
- 1981	11,744	131,172	11,169	89.3
- 1982	11,786	144,829	12,288	84.8

PERCENTAGE OF RETURNS BY INCOME GROUP

Income Group	INVERNESS COUNTY		NOVA SCOTIA	
	1977	1982	1977	1982
	%	%	%	%
Under $2,500	12.5	19.5	12.8	17.2
$ 2,500 - $ 5,000	19.7	11.2	16.7	9.8
$ 5,000 - $ 7,500	18.2	12.7	16.8	10.2
$ 7,500 - $10,000	9.8	10.4	14.0	9.4
$10,000 - $15,000	17.2	16.7	20.1	17.1
$15,000 - $20,000	11.2	9.5	11.3	11.8
$20,000 - $25,000	5.3	6.7	4.5	9.2
$25,000 - $30,000	3.8	5.0	1.9	6.2
$30,000 +	2.3	8.3	1.8	9.1

[1]Comparatively lower average income in 1978 is due to a greater number of low income returns filed to claim child tax credit. This claim applies to succeeding years.

SOURCE: Revenue Canada, Taxation Statistics

Table 10

Households and Average Number of Persons per Household
Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	
	1976	1981	1976	1981
Nova Scotia	243,100	273,195	3.3	3.0
Inverness County	5,675	6,375	4.2	3.4
Port Hawkesbury	1,090	1,110	4.1	3.4
Subdivision A	1,820	2,105	4.2	3.3
Subdivision B	1,575	1,815	4.3	3.5
Subdivision C	1,115	1,260	4.0	3.4
Indian Reserves	55	90	5.7	5.1

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 11

Occupied Dwellings by Tenure and Type
Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	PORT HAWKESBURY	MUNICIPALITY OF INVERNESS	INVERNESS COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
TENURE:				
1976 - Owned (%)	67.0	90.1	85.9	72.4
Rented (%)	33.0	9.9	14.1	27.6
Total (No.)	1,090	4,515	5,675	243,100
1981 - Owned (%)	68.5	88.4	84.9	71.5
Rented (%)	31.5	11.6	15.1	28.5
Total (No.)	1,110	5,175	6,380	273,195
TYPE:				
1976 - Singles & Doubles (%)	69.3	88.3	85.1	78.9
Apartments (%)	21.6	1.3	5.2	15.4
Mobile (%)	8.7	10.1	9.6	5.7
Total (No.)	1,090	4,515	5,675	243,100
1981 - Singles & Doubles (%)	70.3	86.1	83.5	77.9
Apartments (%)	21.6	2.7	6.0	16.7
Mobile (%)	8.1	11.2	10.5	5.4
Total (No.)	1,110	5,175	6,380	273,195

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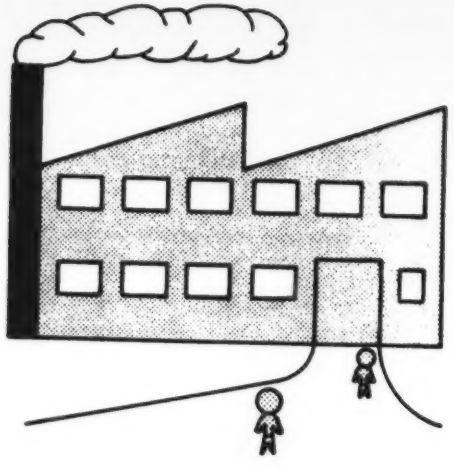

Table 12

Labour Force Activity
Inverness County, 1976 and 1981

	1976			1981		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Population 15+	7,857	7,415	15,285	8,170	7,945	16,110
Labour Force	5,120	2,510	7,630	5,565	3,300	8,875
Employment	4,655	2,050	6,710	4,755	2,645	7,400
Unemployment	465	455	920	815	655	1,470
Unemployment Rate[1]	9.1	18.1	12.1	14.6	19.8	16.6
Participation Rate[2]	65.0	33.9	49.9	68.1	41.5	55.1

[1]Unemployed as a percent of labour force.

[2]Labour force as a percent of population 15+.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 13

Labour Force 15 Years and Over, by Age, Sex and Level of Schooling
Inverness County, 1981

	Total	No Certificate Or Diploma Less Than Grade 9	No Certificate Or Diploma Grades 9 - 13	High School Certificate Or Diploma	Trades, University Or Other Non-University Certificate Or Diploma	University Degree
Labour Force						
Total	8,870	1,270	2,970	1,290	2,485	855
Male	5,570	980	1,825	765	1,475	520
Female	3,300	285	1,145	525	1,015	335
Aged 15 - 24						
Total	2,075	100	800	505	505	165
Male	1,160	90	495	295	215	60
Female	915	10	305	205	290	105
Aged 25 - 44						
Total	4,455	490	1,305	600	1,530	535
Male	2,805	365	760	360	970	355
Female	1,650	125	545	245	555	180
Aged 45 - 54						
Total	1,270	315	440	115	300	105
Male	835	235	275	70	185	75
Female	435	80	165	50	120	25
Aged 55 - 64						
Total	855	275	355	60	130	35
Male	600	220	240	35	85	20
Female	250	55	115	20	45	15
Aged 65 +						
Total	215	95	75	5	20	20
Male	165	70	60	5	15	15
Female	50	25	15	0	0	10

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 14

Labour Force[1], 15 Years and Over, by Sex, Showing Industry Divisions
Inverness County, 1981

	INVERNESS COUNTY			% OF TOTAL LABOUR FORCE[1]	
	Male	Female	Total	Inverness County	Nova Scotia
Agriculture	185	55	240	2.8	2.3
Forestry	390	35	425	4.9	1.3
Fishing and Trapping	305	35	340	3.9	2.0
Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	200	15	210	2.4	1.8
Manufacturing	1,210	210	1,425	16.4	15.0
Construction	610	70	680	7.8	6.5
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	580	115	700	8.0	8.0
Trade	600	580	1,180	13.6	17.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	80	170	250	2.9	4.4
Community, Business and Personal Services	895	1,600	2,555	29.4	29.2
Public Administration and Defence	430	250	685	7.9	12.1
Total Labour Force[1]	5,490	3,195	8,690	100.0	100.0

[1]By place of residence, excludes persons looking for work who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 15

Experienced Labour Force[1] by Occupation Groups
Inverness County, 1981

	INVERNESS COUNTY			% OF TOTAL EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE	
	Male	Female	Total	Inverness Co	Nova Scotia
Managerial, Administrative & Related	355	115	470	5.4	7.3
Natural Sciences, Engineering & Math	190	20	220	2.5	2.8
Occupations in Social Sciences & Related	40	75	105	1.2	1.5
Occupations in Religion	30	10	35	0.4	0.3
Teaching & Related Occupations	220	305	535	6.2	4.7
Occupations in Medicine & Health	35	370	405	4.7	5.2
Artistic, Literary, Recreational & Related	65	15	80	0.9	1.2
Clerical & Related	210	870	1,085	12.5	16.5
Sales Occupations	250	335	585	6.7	9.2
Service Occupations	400	780	1,180	13.6	14.6
Farming, Horticulture & Animal Husbandry	180	40	215	2.5	2.3
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Related	355	25	380	4.4	2.4
Forestry & Logging	395	35	430	5.0	1.2
Mining & Quarrying, Oil & Gas Fields	110	-	110	1.3	1.0
Processing Occupations	360	80	435	5.0	5.0
Machining & Related Occupations	165	5	170	2.0	1.6
Product Fabricating, Assembly & Repairing	350	45	395	4.5	6.1
Construction Trades	990	20	1,005	11.6	7.6
Transport Equipment Operating	320	15	330	3.8	4.4
Materials Handling & Related	170	15	185	2.1	2.2
Other Crafts & Equipment Operating	95	-	95	1.1	1.2
Occupations not Elsewhere Classified	215	20	225	2.6	1.7
Total Experienced Labour Force	5,495	3,195	8,685	100.0	100.0

[1]Excludes persons looking for work, who last worked prior to January 1, 1980 or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

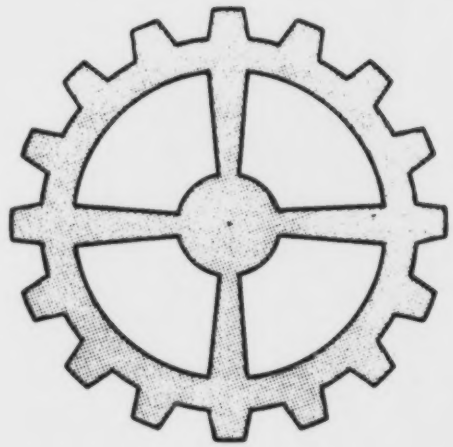

Table 16

Principal Farm Census Data
Inverness County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Farm Population	615	655
% of Total Population Living on Farms	2.8	2.9
Farm Operators by Age:		
Under 25 years	3	3
25-34 years	20	31
35-44 years	24	32
45-54 years	33	36
55-59 years	21	20
60-64 years	17	13
65 years and over	12	20
Total Number of Farms	130	155
- With sales of $2,500 +	77	90
Size of Farms:		
1- 9 acres	-	3
10- 69 acres	8	13
70- 129 acres	19	27
130- 179 acres	13	22
180- 239 acres	30	31
240- 399 acres	26	27
400- 559 acres	21	17
560- 759 acres	9	11
760- 1,119 acres	2	3
1,120- 1,599 acres	1	-
1,600+ acres	1	1

Cont'd.

Table 16 (cont'd.)

	1976*	1981*
Total Area of Farms - acres	40,111	41,101
Improved Land - acres	11,851	13,284
Under Crops - acres	6,910	7,762
Improved Pasture - acres	4,324	4,408
Summer Fallow - acres	137	225
Other Improved - acres	480	889
Unimproved Land - acres	28,260	27,817
Woodland - acres	23,488	22,465
Other Unimproved - acres	4,772	5,352
Average Size of Farms - acres	308	265
Improved Land as a % of Total Farm Land Area	29.5	32.3

***Note:** In 1981, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding with sales of agricultural products during the year 1980 of $250 of more.

For 1976, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales of agricultural products during the year 1975 of $1,200 or more.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 17

Census Farms by Economic Class and Product Type
Inverness County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Total number of farms	130	155
Number of farms by value of agricultural products sold in previous year		
$250,000 and over	(	1
$100,000 - $249,999	(5	12
$ 50,000 - $ 99,999	8	12
$ 25,000 - $ 49,999	9	2
$ 10,000 - $ 24,999	17	19
$ 5,000 - $ 9,999	18	24
$ 2,500 - $ 4,999	20	20
Under $2,500	53	65
Number of census farms with sales of $2,500 or more classified by product type - Total	77	90
Dairy	39	37
Cattle, hogs, sheep (excluding dairy farms)	23	37
Poultry	1	2
Wheat	-	-
Smallgrains (excluding wheat farms)	1	-
Field crops, other than smallgrains	-	1
Fruits and vegetables	-	-
Miscellaneous specialty	4	10
Mixed	9	3
Livestock combination	8	2
Field crops combination	-	-
Other combinations	1	1

*Note: See Table 16 for definition of census farms in 1976 and 1981.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 18

Landed Value and Weight of Sea Fisheries
Inverness County, 1980-1984

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Value - $'000	6,245	7,237	10,984	12,179	10,900
% of Nova Scotia total	2.7	2.7	4.2	4.4	4.1
Weight - metric tonnes	14,481	14,934	17,316	16,510	16,374
% of Nova Scotia total	3.2	3.1	3.7	3.8	4.1

SOURCE: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 19

Number of Fishermen by % of Income Derived from Fishery
Inverness County, 1980-1983

		% of Income Derived from Fishery		
	Total	0-25%	26-75%	76-100%
1980	600	237	160	203
1981	640	205	158	277
1982	692	231	160	301
1983	847	306	181	360
% of Nova Scotia				
1980	5.2	5.7	9.3	3.7
1981	5.6	6.2	9.9	4.3
1982	6.3	9.6	12.9	5.7
1983	5.4	8.3	12.1	0.5

SOURCE: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 20

Area of Land Classes
Inverness County, 1970

	Area (Hectares)*	% of Total Area
Forest Land		
Productive Forest		
1. Softwood	179,283	46.2
2. Mixed Wood	101,311	26.1
3. Hardwood	55,071	14.2
Total Forested Land	335,666	86.5
Non-Forested Land and Non-Productive Forest	43,076	11.1
Agricultural and Other Improved Land	21,460	5.5
Water	9,243	2.4
Total Area of County	387,985	100.0

*1 hectare = 2.471 acres

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Inventory, Cape Breton Island Subdivision - 1970

Table 21

Forest Production Statistics
Inverness County, 1980-1984

	Sawn Lumber (M. fbm.)					Pulpwood (M^3 - solid wood)				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Softwood	865	895	1,048	2,251	1,294	477,618	382,518	251,064	175,750	220,941
Hardwood	74	80	168	374	49	12,265	12,587	22,811	1,385	23,359
Total	939	975	1,216	2,625	1,343	489,883	395,168	273,875	177,135	244,300
% of Nova Scotia										
Softwood	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.3	0.7	16.8	15.3	13.7	16.1	11.4
Hardwood	1.0	0.8	1.9	5.4	0.8	2.6	4.4	18.9	0.7	7.0
Total	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.5	0.7	14.8	14.1	14.0	13.8	10.8

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 22

Forest Production Statistics-(in Common Measure)
Inverness County, 1983 and 1984

	1983	1984	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1983	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1984
Lumber (M. fbm.)	2,625	1,343	1.5	0.7
Boxwood (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Railway Ties (M. fbm.)	-	175	-	9.9
Mine Packs (M. fbm.)	116	159	4.5	7.2
Laths (M's)	-	-	-	-
Shingles (Squares)	-	-	-	-
Staves & Headings (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Residue Chips (M^3 Stacked)	-	1,511	-	0.3
Whole Tree Chips (M^3 Stacked)	19,561	32,609	59.6	39.6
Pulpwood - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	231,769	400,903	116.2	10.8
Pit Props - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	21,634	1,129	82.1	24.0
Poles & Piling (M^3)	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 23

Principal Statistics for Manufacturing Industries
Inverness County, 1979 — 1982

		MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY								
		Production and Related Workers								
	Year	Number of Establishments	Male	Female	Man-Hours Paid ($'000)	Wages ($'000)	Cost of Fuel & Electricity ($'000)	Cost of Materials & Supplies ($'000)	Value of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture ($'000)	Value Added Manufacturing Activity ($'000)
Inverness,	1979	26	1,257	177	3,318	25,920	42,573	347,531	466,873	102,007
Richmond &	1980	28	1,167	186	3,299	26,054	51,851	176,844	353,355	110,452
Victoria	1981	33	1,106	193	3,057	28,929	56,386	89,607	251,842	115,209
Counties*	1982	28	1,021	143	2,471	24,987	59,238	55,803	174,232	59,174
Inverness,	1979	3.4	5.4	3.0	5.2	6.5	27.9	16.6	14.5	9.9
Richmond &	1980	3.4	5.2	3.1	5.3	6.0	33.6	8.3	10.2	9.2
Victoria	1981	4.0	4.9	3.2	5.0	6.1	28.4	3.7	6.6	8.7
Counties as % of Nova Scotia	1982	3.6	5.2	2.6	4.8	5.7	30.7	2.5	4.8	5.3

*Combined data for three counties due to confidentiality.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 31-209

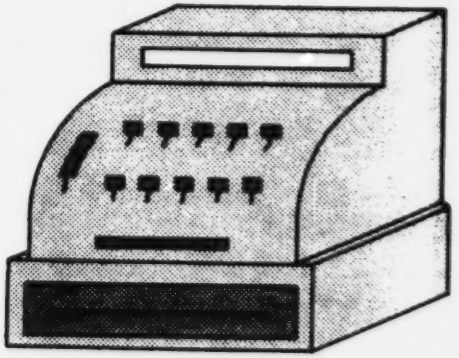

Table 24

Retail Sales

Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1983

	YEAR	INVERNESS COUNTY ($'000)	RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA	
			INVERNESS COUNTY ($)	NOVA SCOTIA
Food	1981	15,500	677	876
	1982	17,000	759	1,023
	1983	-	-	1,133
Automotive	1981	15,400	672	905
	1982	15,500	692	867
	1983	-	-	963
Clothing	1981	2,400	105	171
	1982	2,500	112	184
	1983	-	-	200
Hardware	1981	300	13	34
	1982	300	13	35
	1983	-	-	39
Home Furnishings, Appliances, TV, Radios	1981	1,200	52	67
	1982	1,300	58	73
	1983	-	-	77
Total Retail Sales[1]	1981	73,000	3,187	3,315
	1982	77,300	3,452	3,542
	1983	88,000	3,892	3,994

[1]Includes sales of other retail groups not specified above.

SOURCE: The Financial Post, Canadian Markets

Table 25

Building Permits Issued
Inverness County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1984

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Total
		(units)				($'000)		
1981								
Port Hawkesbury	1	-	1	118	-	189	9	316
Inverness Municipality	33	-	33	1,203	8	294	-	1,505
Total, Inverness Co.	34	-	34	1,321	8	483	9	1,821
Nova Scotia	3,374	1,063	4,437	196,312	43,899	76,245	60,086	376,542
1982								
Port Hawkesbury	-	-	-	80	-	65	80	225
Inverness Municipality	6	-	6	154	-	60	-	214
Total, Inverness Co.	6	-	6	234	-	125	80	439
Nova Scotia	3,272	526	3,798	181,371	18,555	58,675	65,266	323,867
1983								
Port Hawkesbury	3	-	3	294	-	57	-	351
Inverness Municipality	110	-	110	4,386	25	42	403	4,856
Total, Inverness Co.	113	-	113	4,680	25	99	403	5,207
Nova Scotia	4,971	1,052	6,023	320,624	17,347	74,764	56,516	469,251
1984								
Port Hawkesbury	7	-	7	628	8	716	31	1,383
Inverness Municipality	79	-	79	2,851	854	379	50	4,134
Total, Inverness Co.	86	-	86	3,479	862	1,095	81	5,517
Nova Scotia	4,846	1,120	5,966	334,179	21,454	146,947	58,897	561,477

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 64-203, 64-001

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MUNICIPALITIES AND 1985 TAX RATES (PER $100 OF ASSESSMENT)

	Residential	Commercial
Town of Port Hawkesbury	$ 1.86	$ 2.77
Municipality of Inverness	1.48	2.28

AREA AND DENSITY

	Land Area Sq. Kilometers	Population Density Per Sq. Kilometer
Port Hawkesbury	7.9	489.2
Municipality of Inverness	3,682.3	4.9
County of Inverness	3,697.0	6.0

DEMOGRAPHICS (ALL AS PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION)

Religion - 1981		Ethnic Groups - 1981		Mother Tongue - 1981	
Roman Catholic	72.6%	British Isles	70.7%	English	79.7%
United Church	16.1%	French	18.8%	French	16.3%
Protestant (Other)	9.6%	Native Indian	2.2%	Native Indian	1.7%
Other	1.7%	Other	8.4%	Other	2.3%

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

There are 20 schools serving Inverness County. Teachers numbered 328 in 1984-85 with enrolment at 2,643 elementary, 1,249 junior high, 1,146 senior high and 112 students in other programs. The Strait Area Education and Recreation Centre in Port Hawkesbury serves the Point Tupper area of Richmond County for senior high grades. The Canso Regional Vocational school in Port Hawkesbury had an enrolment of 421 students and 40 instructors in the same year.

HOSPITALS

Sacred Heart Hospital, Cheticamp	39 beds, 9 bassinets
Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, Inverness	71 beds, 4 bassinets
Strait-Richmond Hospital, Evanston, Richmond County (serves the area near the Strait in Inverness County)	48 beds

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS

	Approximate Employment
Cheticamp Fishermen's Co-op, Cheticamp	160
Margaree Window & Door Frames Ltd.	30
B. A. Fraser, Lumber, Margaree	15
Grand Etang Fishermen's Co-op	15
Scotia Sun Printing & Publishing, Mull River	13
J. A. Beaton, Ltd., Mull	12

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

	Kilometers
Paved Highways - Arterial	181.8
- Collector	210.1
- Local	194.5
Unpaved Highways	1,392.1
Total	1,978.5

TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

Motor Vehicle Registration, 1983	Number
Passenger automobiles	6,482
Trucks and buses	3,205
Total	10,047

Rail

The main C.N.R. line from Sydney to Truro passes through the southern-most part of Inverness for about 40 kilometers. Carload freight service is provided on a branch line from Port Hastings to Inverness.

Air

The nearest commercial airport is located at Sydney. A paved airstrip is available at Margaree for small aircraft. Port Hawkesbury has a single runway, 1,524 meters in length. It is used by local industry and charter craft.

Bus

Acadian Lines provides service between Halifax and Sydney via Port Hawkesbury and St. Peter's. Two other trips between Halifax and Sydney pass through Port Hawkesbury and Whycocomagh. Service is also provided from Sydney to Margaree and Cheticamp and from Sydney to Dingwall. A local bus line connects Port Hawkesbury with Mabou and the village of Inverness.

Marine

Fishing ports abound, with Cheticamp being the most significant. Port Hawkesbury is a significant deep-water port. The major cargo handled is crude petroleum and refined petroleum products. The Canso Causeway allows vessels 218 meters long and 9.1 meters maximum draft to pass through near Port Hastings, north of Port Hawkesbury. The Canso Strait area to the south of the Causeway is one of the world's finest natural deep-water ports.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers

Port Hawkesbury - The Scotia Sun	Circ. 7,000 - weekly
- The Reporter	Circ. 5,200 - weekly

Radio Stations

Port Hawkesbury - CIGO	10,000 watts
Antigonish-Port Hawkesbury - CJFX	10,000 watts
Cheticamp - CBIC-FM	800 watts

TV Stations

Cheticamp - CBIT, English	Channel 2	7,350 watts
Cheticamp - CBHFT, French	Channel 10	14,300 watts

(The CBC also transmits from Inverness, Pleasant Bay, Whycocomagh, Margaree and Mabou.)

SHOPPING CENTRES

Port Hawkesbury - Causeway	10,219 m^2
Port Hawkesbury - Burnac	14,386 m^2

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATIONS

	Hotel and Guest House Rooms	Cottages & Cabins	Motel Units	Total
Cheticamp	-	11	71	82
Inverness	-	40	35	75
Margaree Forks	-	7	55	62
Margaree Harbour	7	30	24	61
Pleasant Bay	-	8	34	42
Port Hastings	-	9	147	156
Port Hawkesbury	-	-	130	130
Port Hood	-	10	16	26
Scotsville	-	3	-	3
Total	7	118	512	637